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Galzi et al.

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USE OF A FLUORESCENT PROTEIN FOR
DETECTING INTERACTION BETWEEN A
TARGET PROTEIN AND ITS LIGAND

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Defective Response of
August 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10, 12-21, 27, 28 and 32-35.

Please add the following new claims:

--36. (new) Process for detecting and/or quantifying
non-covalent interactions between a target protein and one of its
ligands, comprising:

- preparing cells or cell fragments containing a DNA
sequence comprising a gene expressing a fluorescent protein fused
with a gene for the target protein, the fusion between the gene
for the fluorescent protein and the gene for the target protein
being such that the properties of the target protein are not